



SNAP Sneaks a Peek

Things I Like About The Beach

There are the normal things one loves about the Beach. Walking the boardwalk, visiting with friends on the street, talking to shop owners and just "being" within a community that has it "all".

There are other things about the Beach that I think need to be mentioned, for the fabric of our community is enhanced and encased within the very people who walk our streets, trim their grass, care for their gardens, and have shops that help us to make not only ourselves, but more importantly others, very happy, content and gifted. I have always been sure that if someone could bottle up the essence of the Beach, they would have a winning formula.

I personally like the following:

1. Driving down the street with people waving and saying "Hello". Stopping traffic and yet looking in the rear view mirror and being appreciative of people who are so patient, for they know getting somewhere is far less important than a friend with a smiling face trying to squeeze in some important, trivial, yet, explosive experience.
2. Walking along the boardwalk and having faces nod an acknowledgement of familiarity, or better yet, meeting friends as you plod along who join in the walk laughing and sharing funny stories.
3. Reading all the milestones of life experience being reported by SNAP and thinking "I know that person!"
4. Needing a gift and running into Trinity Gallery, Marie on hand to help sort through all the endless possibilities and narrowing it down to the perfect gift, wrapped and ready to go.
5. Neighbours Paints and Russel the owner, smiling as you request his help and he follows through.
6. Starbucks for morning coffee. They now ask your name to write it on the desired cup of Java and remember your name and your preference when you return.
7. Crown of Jewels hair salon - it is Steel Magnolias gone viral you walk in, you know no one, you walk out and you know everyone..... best yet, I ran in a week ago and there on the floor was a big blanket with a 11 month old baby plunked happily in the middle, everyone was cooing and ohhing over the baby.
8. Strawberry fields owner Rose, hence her wonderful branding. I love walking into her shop! The smells from all her products permeate the air, she greets you with a face that wipes the stress out of your day !
9. The Fish house, owners Glen and Mia, who make your day in every way fresh.... Sushi, lobster rolls and fresh fish!
10. Amuse Restaurant, Judith and Stephen have done everything possible to make your dinner one to remember!

From Glen Gould to Doris McCarthy, Norman Jewison to Andy Olvett, the Synagogue to the Boardwalk, the Gardners Cottage and Len Stanley, Sarah Ashbridges home, the Leuty Life Station, the Boys and Girls entrance to Williamson Road School, Tommmy Thompson Park, Malvern Collegiate, the thirty steps from Glen manor to Islesworth, Summerville pool, the Fox Theatre, Ted Reeve, Jack Kent Cooke, the Balmy Beach Club, the Coxwell Stables, Fire Tower 227, Glen Manor Bridge and finally the Red Brick Road... to name but a few I have tried my best to encapsulate the place I love, my home, your home, THE BEACH.

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KINGS AND QUEENS VOLLEYBALL SERIES

Locals capped off a full summer on the beach to settle who is top Kings and Queens of the Beach on Sept. 8 and 9. The Not So Pro Volleyball series featured both men and women competing against each other, as well as in their respective categories. Players vying for the championship trophy in the "A" division were also battling it out for cash prizes. The spikes and serves were on all-day, in this fiery yet friendly competition. Regardless if you were a beginner or more experienced volleyball player, the sandy courts were packed with participants looking to enjoy the last days of the summer weather.



Keeping it in play

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Rising up for the block



Ready for the serve



Setting up for a serve



Spiked liked a king

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